

LIFE IS LIKE A PINBALL GAME○

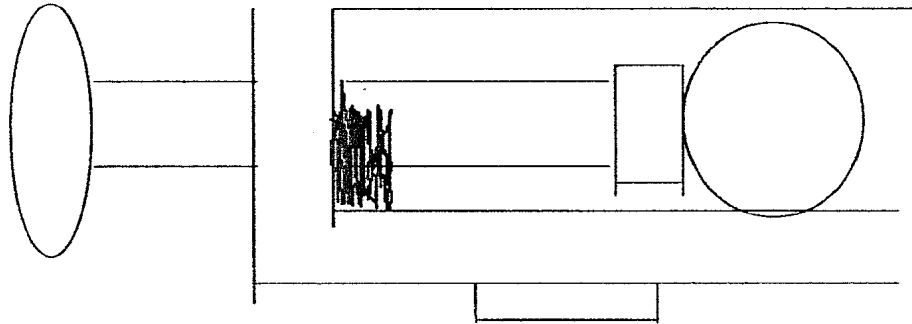
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We all come from the same Creator, regardless what we call it; Mowun, God, Muhammad, Allah, Buddah, etc. In some cultures, the All Mighty is female. I know the Creator as Grandfather. He has come as an old man with long white braids and calls me grandson.

Every living thing has a purpose in this life. When Grandfather decides there will be life, earth and water are combined together to become all our bodies (the pinball). Our bodies are 35% minerals, and 65% water. *The earth then, is our Mother Earth.* Like a mother, she provides us with everything we will need in life: food, water, clothing, shelter, oxygen, and medicine. *Water is the blood of life.* All living things need water to survive.

When our life is done, rather we are a tree, animal, fish or human; our bodies (are a shell) that returns back to Mother Earth (Dust to Dust), because we are all of the Earth.



The Maker blesses each life with special gifts, or powers - talents, and abilities (beauty, intelligence, artistic, athletic, etc.) to help us accomplish our mission in life. Everyone's gifts are not the same. *Don't want for someone else's gifts, you have your own, just as good, just as useful.* Our gifts are the flippers in the pinball game. It's up to us to realize our gifts, develop them, and use them for positive things.

God loves us so much she gives us a part of her Spirit. That Spirit enters our body through the soft part of our skulls as God breathes, "life giving breath," into us. From our first breath, to our last, that Spirit lives in our heart, until it stops beating. We take the breath of life for granted. *Not only does our breath provide oxygen for our body, but has other healing, spiritual qualities.*

Spirits enter our body on a breath. The breath of life can bring someone back to life with (CPR) Cardinal Pulmonary Respiration. Applying those other healing qualities when caring for someone helps even more.

Once we have been given a body, talent, and Spirit, we are propelled into this life, much like the pinball in the pinball game. The All Mighty pulls back on the spring cue, and let's it go and our life begins. *The only difference between us is the color of our skin* and that depends on our role in life. *Otherwise, we are all the same. No one is better than anyone else.* Like a giant puzzle, we are all connected. We are all part of a universal family, the Creator's family.

Aboriginal People are born with a blue Mongolian spot above their buttocks. That mark connects them to Mother Earth, and disappears as they get older. Men and women have different kinds of power, besides having their own individual power. Both powers are needed for balance, and harmony. Women are more powerful than men. Women have the ability to bring forth life, men cannot. The Creator gave the Sacred Pipe to the man to help him.

We are specs of dust in the Universe. As the earth rotates, the sun, moon, and stars re-align. This universal movement causes the oceans to shift, changing the polarity of the Earth. We are also affected. There is a delicate balance between negative and positive forces throughout the universe. The Chinese call it "Yin and Yang," or cause and affect. We humans have negative and positive potential, too.